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Last year the cup attracted an entry of 29 teams, the N.D.B.F.A. accounting for 12 entries; M.J.F.A., 2; St. George, 1; S.M.B.F.A., 4; I.D.S.A., 6; W.D.S.A., 2; and Granville, 2. The semi-finalists were all country teams, Balgownie and West Wallsend, and

Kurri Kurri and Woonona Park. The final was won by West Wallsend, who defeated Woonona Park at Woonona. The Metropolitan teams will have to try to make a bigger bid for the cup this year, and should be encouraged by their associations.

GARDINER CUP.

The New South Wales Council has decided to limit Gardiner Cup entries to First Grade, First Division, teams in the Metropolis, Northern Districts and the South Coast area. This will ensure that Gardiner Cup matches will reach a higher standard. Also no Gardiner Cup match will be played between two teams, should any player of either team be required for an English tour match.

It has been decided, too, not to commence the Gardiner Cup competition before June 6th, but the draw for the final round will probably be made on April 19th.

NEW SOUTH WALES REFEREES' SUB-COMMITTEE.

General meetings of the N.S.W. Referees' Sub-Committee were held last year, and distinct progress was made. A constitution was adopted and N.S.W. Appointment and Examination Boards functioned for the first time under the new system.

Messrs. E. Jones (Sydney Referees), P. J. Sheppard (Newcastle Referees), and W. Cunningham (representing the N.S.W. Association Council) were elected last year as the Appointment Board, while Messrs. W. Wright (Sydney Referees), T. Crawford (Maitland Referees), and W. Cunningham (Illawarra Referees) were appointed the Examination Board. Examination last year were held at Newcastle and on the South Coast, and a number of candidates have been recommended for N.S.W. Referees' certificates. A number of Metropolitan Referees will be examined this week-end. It is nearly certain that only referees possessed of the State certificate will be eligible for appointment under the State Association.

The Appointment Board for the coming season will be elected at a meeting of the Sub-Committee at the Sports Club to-night. This year the Appointment Board will consist of two representatives of the State Association Council, and three of the Sub-Committee. Messrs. S. A. Storey (Hon. Sec., N.S.W. Assn.), and W. Cunningham (Illawarra) have been elected representatives of the N.S.W. Council.

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COMING SEASON.

coming season is, without the most momentous in history of Soccer, and if a record, the future of the game is assured. First and the long-awaited visit of the English Team is taking place in the Metropolitan area. The introduction of District Football has caused big alterations in the personnel of the clubs, and will take a considerable time to complete reorganisation. The scheme proved. The visit of the English team after many years of disappointment in the financing which was undertaken for Australian reflects great credit on the governing body of the game in the Commonwealth. It is to be hoped that the result of the tour, from a playing as well as a financial viewpoint, will prove worth while to England and Australia.

TEST VENUE.

One of the Third Test matches has caused a big discussion on the Wales Association, the Show Ground being decided upon. It has an excellent race, and meets the needs of the Association. It is anticipated that a large crowd will be present at this match.

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THE ENGLISH TOUR.

List of Matches.

The matches included in the itinerary of the English team are as follows:

May 9th—v West Australia at Perth.
May 14th—v Australian Team at Adelaide Oval.
May 16th—v South Australia, at Thebarton Reserve, Adelaide.
May 20th—v Victoria, at Melbourne Cricket Ground.
May 23rd—v Australian Team, at Melbourne Cricket Ground.
May 27th—Mid-week match en route Melbourne to Sydney.
May 30th—v N.S. Wales, at Show Ground, Sydney.
June 3rd—v Metropolis, at Sydney.
June 6th—v South Coast, at Bode's Ground, Wollongong.
June 8th—v N.S. Wales, at Show Ground, Sydney.
June 13th—v Northern Districts, at Newcastle Show Ground.
June 18th—v West Moreton, at Ipswich.
June 20th—v Queensland, at Brisbane Exhibition Ground.
June 24th—v North Coast (Q.), at Bundaberg.
June 27th—v Australia (First Test), at Brisbane.
June 29th—At Toowoomba.
July 4th—v Australia (Second Test), at Show Ground, Sydney.
July 8th—v Newcastle, at Newcastle Tramway Ground.
July 11th—v Australia (Third Test), at West Maitland Show Ground.
July 15th—v Maitland, at Cessnock Show Ground.
July 18th—v Australia (Fourth Test), at Show Ground, Sydney.
July 22nd—Mid-week match to be arranged.
July 25th—v Australia (Fifth Test), at Fitzroy Ground, Melbourne.
August 1st—v West Australia, at Perth.

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION TROPHY.

During the annual conference of the Football Association (Australia), the magnificent trophy presented by the English Football Association for Interstate competition in Australia, was received by the newly-elected chairman of the Australian Association (Mr. S. A. Stórey), who expressed the hope that shortly rules for the control of the competition would be framed and that ultimately the competition would be as keen as that of the Sheffield Shield in cricket. The conference decided to send its thanks to the English F.A. for the trophy, which is a wonderful specimen of the silversmith's art, and is valued at £250.

The competition will not be played this year, but will commence in 1926.

The English Association is to be commended for introducing an imperial note into its administration, as it is also presenting similar trophies to South Africa, Canada and New Zealand.

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English Team's Personnel—The Players Described

YOUNG AND HEFTY TEAM WILL TEST AUSTRALIA.

The English Association is acting wisely in sending to Australia a team with the advantage of youth, for new conditions will be met yet, and adaptability of the players to meet varying circumstances will be a big factor in the success of the tour.

Some details of the careers of the players and their heights and weights are available, as follows:

J. E. Davdson (Sheffield Wednesday).

One of the best goalkeepers playing to-day; has a very safe pair of hands, and should give a good account of himself; has gained international honors; is the heaviest player in the team, and fearless against opposing forwards. He stands 5ft. 7in. high, and weighs 12st. 7lbs.

H. Hardy (Stockport County).

Another goalie, on the small side, but makes up for this in ability. He played in the trial match, North v. South, and represented England against Belgium. He is 5ft. 8in. high, and weighs 10 st. 10 lbs.

T. Whittaker (The Arsenal).

A half-back, who can also fill the full-back position with credit. He was born at Aldershot, weighs 12 st., and stands 5ft. 9½in. high. He is a good strong kick, and a fine tackler.

S. Charlton (Exeter City).

A fine back with plenty of experience, and captain of his club; generally plays left full-back; weighs 12st., and is 5ft. 9½in. high.

J. Hannah (Norwich City).

Very fast, a fine tackler, and a powerful kick; is equally at home right back or right half. He is 11st. 9 lbs. in weight, and is 5ft. 9½in. high.

C. W. Spencer (Newcastle United)

Plays centre half for his team, and represented England against Scotland last year. He feeds his forwards with great judgment, tackles well, and can use his head to great advantage; he is a very hard man to pass, and weighs 11 st. 11 lbs., and tips the beam at 5ft. 10in.

C. Poynton (Tottenham Hotspur)

Was engaged by his team as left half back, but found a permanent position as full back. He is a very forceful and clever player, and stands 5ft. 10 in. high, weighing 11 st. 10 lbs.

L. Graham (Millwall Athletic).

A very promising player; played in the North v. South trial; plays left and centre half equally well; weighs 10 st. 11 lbs., and is 5ft. 8in. high.

J. Hamilton (Crystal Palace).

A reliable half back, and a good tackler; is expected to do well; stands 6ft., and weighs 12 st. 6 lbs.

Stan Seymour (Newcastle United)

A club mate of Spencer, and both natives of Newcastle. In the opinion of many of the leading experts in England, the finest outside left playing. He is very fast, and a fine shot, and has scored more goals from the wing position than any other player in England. He is the lightest player in the team, weighing 10 st. 2 lbs. He stands 5ft. 6½in. high.

J. Elkes (Tottenham Hotspur).

Was a great centre half, but now is equally successful at inside left; is endowed with height and weight, being 6 ft. high, and 12 st. 6 lbs. in weight. He is a prolific scorer for his club, and was paid a compliment just before leaving, being selected as reserve forward against Scotland.

W. Caesar (Dulwich Hamlet).

An amateur international, and a very fine forward. He is at home in the half line, and deceives many opponents by his method of placing the ball.

W. Williams (West Ham).

Plays inside left, and has done splendid service for his club. He is fast and clever; weighs 11 st. 6 lbs., and is 5ft. 8in. high.

C. Hannaford (Clapton Orient).

A fine outside right, has good ball control, and centres dangerously. He is 5ft. 7 in. high, and weighs 11 st. 4 lbs.

E. Simms (Stockport County).

Born at South Shields, a clever centre forward, and a good shot at goal; stands 5ft. 9in. high, and weighs 12 st.

J. Walsh (Liverpool).

A product of Stockport; a good inside right; weighs 10 st. 2 lbs., and stands 5ft. 8½in. high.

H. G. Batten (Plymouth Argyle).

A clever inside left, and a great goal-scorer; reputed one of the best forwards in the South of England; is 5ft. 6in. high, and weighs 11 st. 10 lbs.

W. Sage (Tottenham Hotspur)

An inside right with fine ball control; weighs 11 st., and is 5ft. 10in. high.

THE MANAGER.

From the "Athletic News."

Invited at a recent meeting the International Selection Committee to take charge of the party of players that the F.A. intend to send to Australia in the spring. Mr. John Lewis, of Blackburn, has, after consideration, promised to do so.

As Mr. Lewis was one of the honorary managers of the team which visited South Africa in 1920, and has been placed in charge of many matches when the elevens of the F.A. have taken part in, both in Great Britain and on the Continent. He seems entitled to be regarded as England's ambassador for the realm of Soccer.

The gentlemen who are managing the South African players in this country, Mr. J. R. Wheelwright of Cape Town, the hon. secretary of the South African F.A., and Major A. Buchan Fyffe, M.C., president of the Free State F.A., speak, even after this long interval, of the courtesy and shrewdness which Mr. Lewis invariably showed throughout the excursion in their country in 1920.

Since the days of his youth Mr. Lewis has been an ardent lover of the winter game, as player, referee, and administrator. He will take with him to Australia the confidence of the F.A., the good wishes of Great Britain for his own safety and a sporting success.

Mr. Lewis' co-manager is M. C. Frowde, who played for Dorset, and for 25 years has been Honorary Secretary of the Dorset County F.A. He is managing director of a firm of steamship owners, and is an ardent sport.

PLAYERS FOR ST. GEORGE'S

Transfers have been granted the Metropolitan Management Committee with the consent of the Granville District Club to the players, J. Picken, L. Evans, and J. Tranter to the St. George District Club. These players all played with Auburn last year. Granville is to be commended for sporting action especially as it meets St. George to-day.

Metropolitan Soccer Football Association

M.S.F.A.'s Players' Insurance Fund

(Inaugurated 1922.)

Metropolitan Soccer Football Association hereby inaugurates an Insurance Fund for the money of players injured whilst playing, as hereinafter provided.

Will only be considered from duly registered players on books of the Metropolitan Soccer Association, injured whilst playing in games sanctioned by the aforesaid Association, and/or the Wales Soccer Football Association; the fund not to apply to competitions controlled by any nation.

Inauguration, the M.S.F. Association shall subsidise the Fund to the extent of a fifty pounds a week.

Claimant must make personal report of accident to Management Committee of that Association not later than the Monday following such accident, and at the same time hand in written report, endorsed by Hon. and Hon. Secretary or officer of the Club, and accompanied by a medical certificate. In the case of the player being unable, through being incapacitated, to personally report to the Management Committee, same is to be notified, when written report may be accepted from claimant or from some person in claimant's authority and on his behalf.

No claim will be allowed where player takes part in any game, within eight (8) days after receiving for which claim is made. The fund shall be administered by the Management Committee, who shall be the Trustees of the Fund. Subscription shall be five shillings (5/-) per player per season (as by the M.S.F.A.), entitling a player to an allowance of one pound (£1) per week, or ten shillings per player per season, entitling him to a two pounds (£2) per week allowance. No player shall be allowed to subscribe more than ten shillings (10/-). Allowances will not be made to any one player for more than thirteen (13) weeks in all in any one

the event of claims at any time absorbing all income, further benefits shall cease, and members on this understanding.

Any claimant claiming allowance for any period beyond one week, shall produce a renewal or further certificate, which, in the view of the Management Committee, justifies a further allowance, and so week to week.

Amount remaining at credit of fund at end of last year (1924), £43/16/4.

THE JUNIORS.

spects for the season 1925 are bright as regards Junior controlling associations. Metropolitan Juniors, St. George and District, Granville, Protestant Churches, Suburbs, and Manly, the last new associations.

George Association report entries, whilst Eastern Suburbs have a full number of competitions; the Metropolitans have under the new some of their territory Suburbs and Canterbury, only do not expect to be in previous seasons.

opolitan Junior Association carried the banner football in the Metro number of years, and it is seen the ground work bears and the game expanding. Annual meeting of the Junior Control has not been held writing the details of en. Junior bodies cannot be it is safe to say the total exceed that of last year. the Associations will have playing areas at their dis- s. again occupy Prim- St. George will have the Sports Ground, Canter-

bury Association will share the Canterbury Sports Ground with the local district club.

The Church Association will have a new area in St. Peters, whilst Granville will again be at Clyde Oval. Eastern Suburbs, Manly, and Ryde, whilst at the present time having no enclosed ground, are well supplied with playing areas, and can accommodate all their matches each week.

All Junior Associations are now working together with similar rules and meet to discuss matters through the Board of Control, which will become a great factor in improving the standard of play through the Association Cup Competition, and thus valuable work will be done for the benefit of the district team and Soccer generally.

GOAL-SAVING.

Lost Art in England!

The following remarks of Major Fyffe (a member of the South African Football Association) in regard to the recent English tour, should be interesting in view of the arrival here shortly of the star English side:—

"There can be no doubt," he writes, "that so far as clever, ar-

tistic football is concerned, the South Africans are not in the same class as the leading professional teams. But generally this dainty and accurate passing was overdone. They got within shooting range, but instead of driving for goal the ball was bandied about from one inside player to another, and sometimes even sent out to the wings, and, of course, returned whence it came.

"We in South Africa have a lot to learn in ball control, dribbling, and taking up and keeping positions on the field. In these respects Britain is far ahead of us. But in attaining almost mechanical precision in these points in a footballer's equipment, the equally essential and better paying qualities of direct go-ahead and penetrative forward play have been ignored.

"Goal scoring seems to be a lost art in Britain to-day; if the visit of the South Africans has done nothing else, it has at least shown the way in which goals may, and can, and should be scored. As far as could be judged, the best South African amateurs have nothing to fear when compared with their amateur rivals across the ocean."

HINTS FOR JUNIORS ON HOW TO PLAY.

(By a Cambridge Blue).

The Goalkeeper.

As everyone knows, this is, perhaps, one of the most unpleasant positions in the field, as very often the goalie is left absolutely alone at the last to protect the goal. No player should attempt to "keep" who has not a very clear head. He should also be able to catch the ball, or fist it out anywhere, except in front of goal. Of course, when he has time, he should punt the ball as far as possible up the field. As a general rule the goalkeeper should never leave his position, but there are times when a dash made at the right moment often relieves a situation, and gains a good deal of ground for the side. He should practise long kicks, and to him should fall all the kicks from behind, so as to take as much work off the backs as possible.

One point is worth remembering in connection with goal-keeping, and that is, when a corner kick is given always stand in front of the farthest goal-post from the kicker. In this way the goal-keeper can run forward if the ball should drop a little short; and he will have to run backwards should the ball come over his head.

The Backs.

Full-backs should be fast, able to kick well with either foot, and should not be afraid to charge, using the whole of their weight when the right opportunity presents itself.

Each back should remember the man he has to mark—that is, the inside forward opposite him; but when his colleague is called into active play, he should try to back him up by retiring a little behind him, the idea being to render intelligent assistance wherever it is most needed. A back should also be able to pass well, either to his brother back, or to the goal-keeper, if the pass will afford a safer opportunity of getting rid of the ball. Remember, however, to keep all passes low, so that they may be easily transferred to the right portion of the field, the ball being well under control.

The back, in the ordinary way, should take all the free kicks, except when they are within twenty-five yards of the goal, and should always be on the watch to put his opponents off-side.

The ideal half-back is a good combination between the forward and the full back. They should mark their men well, the outside men marking the outside forwards, whilst the centre makes himself responsible for the centre forward. In this way (re-

Programme

CANTERBURY v. GLADESVILLE-RYDE.
FIRST GRADE—CANTERBURY, 3.15 p.m.

CANTERBURY.
(Blue and Gold Stripes)

Goal:
T. BAILEY.

1—J. HERRON	2—BROWN	
3—E. LOVERIDGE	4—A. MANUEL	5—H. WHIT
6—J. BURNS	7—BURNS	8—BARNES
12—H. ROBERTSON	10—G. MACFARLANE	9—HILL
6—H. SPURWAY	11—H. HENSON	7—W. MAIZEY.
3—E. PONT	2—ELLIS	5—D. FOWLER
		4—WALL
		1—S. MONTGOMER
		J. FOWLER
		Goal:

GLADESVILLE-RYDE.
(Maroon)

(Two to be omitted)
Referee: G. McLay.

SECOND GRADE—CANTERBURY, 1.45 p.m.

CANTERBURY.

Goal:
C. KETTRINGHAM

1—H. LANG	2—McLAREN	
3—JAMES	4—SWAN	5—GOUL
6—BURNS	7—C. SCOTT	9—JOLLEY
24—RICHARDSON	8—A. BENNETT	10—CROZIE
23—HEIN	14—JENNINGS	20—GRAHA
18—SIMMONS	16—STEELE	19—McALLEN
	13—TWINE	15—TROA
	DAY	
	Goal:	

GLADESVILLE-RYDE.

(Maroon)
(Two to be omitted)

Referee: F. C. Packer.

member what I said about the backs) we find that all the opposing forwards have somebody who is looking after them.

Half-back is one of the hardest positions on the field, as they are always at work, either assisting in the defence, or backing up the smart back. Half-backs should practise the art of throwing-in, and should be able to take corner kicks, and to become clever at place-kicking constant practice is needed. When making corner kicks, or free kicks, which are near the touch-line, the inside foot should always be used, as it gets a certain amount of natural screw on the ball, which is of more value than

a straight shot. Their motto should be: Back up your forwards, don't neglect your backs; should occasion arises, and if you are in a better position than your for-

Forwards.

The five forwards of the successful Soccer team should work together such a way that the ball seems to be on wires, and during practice they should try and set up combination passing, and bring it to such a perfection that it will be hard for the opposing team to checkmate. The fastest men among the forwards should always be put on the outside wings, left and right.

Extremes are never good, and, to my mind, a wise captain will go in a combination of short and long passing—his team keeping the ball low as possible on the ground. Will the ball be near your own transfer it to the left or right, then work it up the sides, passing as a rule before reaching the line until the time comes for a centre. This method can only be effective by the centre keeping it up and being on the spot to take charge of the pass. The man who does and tempts the back is the one who passes quickly with the outer inside of the foot, and this is constant practice. We have a rally in our goal line, let us bring the ball up the left, centring halfway, passed out to the right, who in turn centring half way, just out of reach of the back; now for the shot and a goal! Shoot cross-ways, if possible, at whichever corner seems guarded; keeping the ball low in reference, although a good form must be guided by circumstances and do just what seems best at the moment.

In attacking do anything almost, do it quickly, and let the other backs hamper the other backs as possible. Try, remember backs and halves will be able to head the ball well, backs often lose more than gain by so doing, and should, if possible, avoid it.

DID YOU KNOW THAT

Ground proprietors of St. Sports Ground, Canterbury Ground and Ibrox Park have accepted the terms laid down by the management committee for those grounds for grade, and it is only because the management committee has no alternative that matches are being staged at those grounds to-day.

Attitude of the ground proprietors is quite understandable, but future of their grounds depend on the number of grade allocated, not only for this year should endeavour to make arrangement of an acceptable chartering over a term of years.

Wentworth Park should be available for the gaining of the Royal Agricultural Show here all the Saturday and English matches, in the area will be played.

Balmain District Club has application to entertain the

Programme

GRANVILLE v. ST. GEORGE.

FIRST GRADE—CLYDE OVAL, 3.15 p.m.

GRANVILLE.

(Black and White Stripes)

Goal:

E. ATCHISON

1—C. LEABEATER	2—W. MACE	
3—N. HILL	4—G. EDWARDS	5—J. HELE
7—W. GALLOWAY	9—E. WALDON	
6—S. BOURKE	8—CRAIG	10—H. FLYNN

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12—F. MELLAR-SMITH	10—E. WILLIAMS	7—A. LAVENDER
11—W. GLACHEN	9—C. STOREY	8—C. HAYES
6—J. PICKEN	5—J. TRANTER	4—R. CHISWELL
3—G. SMART	2—J. MURRAY	1—J. MARSH
	L. EVANS.	

Goal:

ST. GEORGE.

(Red and White Stripes)

(Two to be omitted).

Reserves—Granville: 11—O'TOOLE.

Referee: A. W. Bates.

SECOND GRADE—CLYDE OVAL, 4.45 p.m.

GRANVILLE.

(Black and White Stripes)

Goal:

C. CALLAGHAN

12—W. STEVENS	13—E. BAINBRIDGE	
14—T. RITCHIE	15—E. RIGBY	16—F. LADBURY
18—M. LEABEATER	20—E. WILLIAMS	
17—R. DUNN	19—L. GATES	21—D. MCKAY

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22—L. DAVIE	20—G. METCALF	18—E. VALE
21—R. WOODS	19—W. GREEN	
17—H. LEE	16—G. DEAN	15—W. WOODWARD
14—T. SMART	13—T. WALMSLEY	
	H. BURNS.	

ST. GEORGE.

(Red and White Stripes)

Referee: C. R. Brown.

Reserve—23: E. CHISWELL.

Reserves—Granville: 22—R. COPP; 23—W. HUTCHINSON

Englishmen while in Sydney in a similar way to the manner in which the Balmain Fernleigh F.C. entertained the New Zealanders and the Canadians.

They also desire to play a match against the English team, but there are not enough matches to go round; the N.S.Wales Council expressed a wish that a match should be played versus the State champions (West Wallsend) but the English Tour Sub-Committee now has only one match to arrange, and the intention is not to definitely fix that match until about the middle of June.

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BALMAIN v A

FIRST GRADE—EASTON PARK, 3.15 p.m.

BALMAIN.

(Black and Gold Halves)

Goal:

T. DAVIDSON

1—R. LEADBETTER 2—J. DRISCOLL

3—J. FISHER 4—G. STOREY 5—W. BYE

11—F. HANCOCK (one to be omitted)

8—W. BUTTEL 9—H. McLEOD

6—J. SINCLAIR 8—C. BRENNAN 10—E. HEYM.

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10—R. OSBORNE 8—L. BRISBANE 6—J. GI

9—J. BURCHAM 7—G. TURNER

5—F. LAMBERT 4—J. WATSON 3—D. DOWNI

2—A. FISHER 1—J. CRUM

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Goal:

ANNANDALE-LEICHHARDT.

Referee: W. A. Wright.

Reserves—Balmain: 12—R. WHITE.

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Goal:

H. SIMMONS

13—H. BRIDGE	14—T. PALMER	
FERGUSON	16—L. JELFS	17—S. JELFS
19—P. DUGGAN	21—W. ORR	
WHITE	20—V. JONES	22—W. CUNNINGHAM

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10. BOOKS	20—T. RYAN	18—T. SAILOR
21—A. OWEN	19—W. PARK	
ANDERSON	16—A. CRUM	15—G. GRAHAM
24—J. NASH	13—W. SIMMS	

A. WYLLIE.

Goal:

ANNANDALE-LEICHHARDT.

Balmain: 23—F McGREAL; 24—COLE

Referee: T. Leighton

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GRADE COMPETITIONS.

M.S.F.A. Draw.

The draw for the First and Second Grade competition matches in the Metropolitan area has been announced as follows:—

First Series (April 18).

Canterbury v. Gladesville-Ryde
Pyrmont v. Eastern Suburbs.
Annandale-Leichhardt v. Balmain.
St. George v. Granville.

Second Series (April 25).

Canterbury v. Eastern Suburbs.
Gladesville-Ryde v. Balmain.
Pyrmont v. Granville.
Annandale-Leichhardt v. St. George.

Third Series (May 2)

Canterbury v. Balmain.
Eastern Suburbs v. Granville.
Gladesville-Ryde v. St. George.
Pyrmont v. Annandale-Leichhardt.

Fourth Series (May 9).

Canterbury v. Granville.
Balmain v. St. George.
Eastern Suburbs v. Annandale-Leichhardt.
Gladesville-Ryde v. Pyrmont.

Fifth Series (May 16).

Canterbury v. St. George.
Granville v. Annandale-Leichhardt.
Balmain v. Pyrmont.
Eastern Suburbs v. Gladesville.
Ryde.

Sixth Series (May 23).

Canterbury v. Annandale-Leichhardt.
St. George v. Pyrmont.
Granville v. Gladesville-Ryde.
Balmain v. Eastern Suburbs.

Seventh Series (June 6).

Canterbury v. Pyrmont.
Annandale-Leichhardt v. Gladesville-Ryde.
St. George v. Eastern Suburbs.
Granville v. Balmain.

THE METROPOLITAN AREA.
TO-DAY'S GRADE FIXTURES.

First Grade.

Canterbury v. Gladesville-Ryde,
Canterbury No. 1, 3.15 p.m. Referee,
Mr. G. McLay.

Balmain v. Annandale-Leichhardt,
Easton Park, 3.15 p.m. Referee, Mr.
W. A. Wright.

Pyrmont v. Eastern Suburbs, Ibrox
Park, 3.15 p.m. Referee, Mr. A. L.
Peaty.

Granville v. St. George, Clyde Oval,
3.15 p.m. Referee, Mr. A. W. Bates.

Second Grade.

Canterbury v. Gladesville-Ryde,
Canterbury No. 1, 1.45 p.m. Referee,
Mr. F. C. Packer.

Balmain v. Annandale-Leichhardt,
Easton Park, 1.45 p.m. Referee, Mr.
T. Leighton.

Pyrmont v. Eastern Suburbs, Ibrox
Park, 1.45 p.m. Referee, Mr. T. An-
derson.

Granville v. St. George, Clyde Oval,
1.45 p.m. Referee, Mr. C. R. Brown.

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NEXT SATURDAY'S FIXTURES

The fixtures for April 25th have been decided as follows:—

Granville v. Pyrmont, Show
Ground (if available), 3.15 p.m.
Canterbury v. Eastern Suburbs,

Canterbury, 3.15 p.m.
Annandale-Leichhardt v. St
George, Ibrox Park, 3.15 p.m.
Gladesville-Ryde v. Balmain, Eas-
ton Park, 3.15 p.m.

Second grade early match in each
case.

DURATION GRADE MATCHES.

The management committee of the Metropolitan Association has decided to limit the duration of Second Grade matches to 40 minutes each way, with a five minutes' interval at half time, and the Referees' Association has been so informed. Also the referees have been instructed to conclude the early game at fifteen minutes past three, irrespective of the time of starting, which, however, has been set down for 1.45 p.m.

Under these conditions the late game in no case should commence later than 3.20 p.m.

REPRESENTATIVE BADGES

Representative Badges are being presented to all players represented Australia or New Wales on the field of play, the (Aust.) issuing the Aust Badges, while the N.S.W. Association has presented the badges.

The following are the players whom badges will be presented

Australian Representatives following players represented Australia in the six test matches
Goalkeepers: G. Cart (N.S.W.); H. Robison (Vic.)

backs: H. Faulkner (Tas.); G. Raitt (Vic.); C. Le (N.S.W.); H. Maunder (N.

len (N.S.W.); T. Oliver (N. Half-backs: G. Storey (N.S.W.)

Henderson (N.S.W.); H. S (N.S.W.); E. Owen (N.S.W.)

Lambert (N.S.W.); G. (N.S.W.); T. Bristow (Vic.)

White (Q.); — Nunn (Q.)

wards: S. Bourke (N.S.W.); D. (N.S.W.); W. Maunder (N.S.W.)

Thompson (N.S.W.); F. M. Smith (N.S.W.); J. Edward-
J. Masters (N.S.W.), Capt.

Ramsay (N.S.W.); C. W (N.S.W.); A. McNaughton (N.

ham (N.S.W.); J. Gilmore
J. Orr (Vic.).

South Wales Representatives.
Aitchison, C. Leabateer, H.
W. Johnstone, D. Mitchell,
ston, J. Burns, D. Ward, C.
J. Gilmore, F. Ramsay.

South Wales Junior Represen-
H. Kelly (Canterbury), J.
rst (Canterbury), J. Wardle
Newcastle), D. Williams
Coast), S. Bowden (Mait-
H. Harris (Newcastle), H.
(South Coast), T. Ritchie
, M. Adamson (Granville),
(Newcastle), J. Mannion
, F. Jacobs (Maitland), J.
Metropolitan), S. Moran

CLUB LEAGUE.

following entrants have
ured for the Club League
son for the coming sea-

Annandale—Leich-
istrict, Alexandria, Bal-
istrict, Balmain Colliery,
Botany Albions, East-
is District, Lane Cove,
combe, North Sydney
Royal Aust. Navy, Sun-
an Park. There may
thers—Kenilworth and
le Avoca—but it is not
whether both will be
The Management Com-
yet to decide as to the
competition will take.
competition may be
or the competition
in divisions. A de-
be reached on Monday.

Programme

PYRMONT v. EASTERN SUBURBS.

FIRST GRADE—IBROX PARK, 3.15 p.m.

PYRMONT.

(Blue)

Goal:

H. GREAGG.

1—M. BOURKE 2—S. ROBINSON

3—J. COHEN 4—G. CRAWFORD 5—H. GRAHAM

7—F. HILL 9—N. KELLY

6—R. EDWARDS 8—E. CHILDS 10—M. WATSON

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10—BASTERFFIELD 8—BOCABATEILLE 6—POINDESTRIE

9—HETHERINGTON 7—J. MAITLAND

5—S. PEEL 4—T. ROBSON 3—C. O'CONNOR

2—J. COMRIE 1—E. RIGBY

JARVIS.

Goal:

EASTERN SUBURBS.

(Red, Blue and White)

Referee: A. L. Peaty.

SECOND GRADE—IBROX PARK, 1.45 p.m.

PYRMONT.

Goal:

13—W. CRAWFORD.

15—HUGHES

14—W. BROAD 17—COX 18—T. O'TOOLE

16—SUNDSTROM 20—TIGHE 22—FODEN

19—McKINNEY 21—RICHARDS 23—WELLS

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(Team not available).

EASTERN SUBURBS.

(Red, Blue and White)

Referee: T. Leighton.

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LAWS OF THE GAME.

Alterations approved by the International Football Association Board, 14th June, 1924.

PRÉSENT LAW.

Law 6.

10.—When a free kick has been awarded, the player's opponents shall not approach within 10 yards of the ball until the kick is taken, unless they are standing on their own goal-line. The ball must at least be rolled over before it shall be considered played—i.e., it must make a complete circuit and travel the distance of its circumference. The player shall not play the ball a second time unless it has been played by another player. The ball (except as provided by Law 2), corner-kick and goal-kick, shall be free kicks within the meaning of this Law.

11.—A goal may be scored from a free kick which is awarded because of any infringement of Law 6, but not from any other free kick.

13.—(a) Decision of the International Board.—A player who is injured during a match shall be at once removed outside the nearest goal-line, and the game resumed.

Law 13.

13.—In the event of any temporary suspension of play from any cause, the ball not having gone into touch or behind the goal-line, the Referee shall drop the ball where it was when play was suspended and it shall be in play when it has reached the ground. If the ball goes into touch or behind the goal-line before it is played by a Referee shall again drop it. The ball shall not be played by the other side until it has reached the ground.

—First sentence. In the event of any infringement of Laws 5, 6, 8, 10, or 16, or of a ball sent off the field under Law 13, a free kick shall be awarded to the opposite side, where the infringement occurred.

—(a) Decision of the International Board.—A free kick can be awarded irrespective of the position of the ball at the time the infringement was committed. In the event of the ball being passed between the goalkeeper and a player when a penalty kick is being taken at the time a goal is scored.

ALTERATION.

Add as a footnote to the Law:—

“It is not a breach of the Law for a player to be in an off-side position, but only when in that position he interferes with an opponent, or with the play. If a player who is in an off-side position advances towards an opponent, or the ball, and in so doing causes the play to be affected, he should be penalised.

Delete from fourth sentence the words “corner-kick.”

After the word “scored” insert “from a corner-kick, or.”

Substitute (d) Decision of the International Board.—“If in the opinion of the Referee a player has been seriously injured the game shall be stopped, the player at once removed from the field of play, and the game resumed. If a player is slightly injured the game shall not be stopped until the ball has ceased to be in play.”

Insert as Footnote, (b):—

“A player may enquire from a Referee as to his decision, but is not entitled by word or action to show dissent from any such decision. A Referee is required to treat the breach of this instruction as ungentlemanly behaviour.

The present Footnotes (b) (c) (d) to be (c) (d) (e).

Add as the last sentence: “A free kick shall be given for an infringement of this Law.”

Lines 1 and 2. For “Laws 5, 6, 8, 10 or 16,” substitute “Laws 5, 6, 8 or 10.”

First sentence. After the word “ball” insert “if in the field of play.”

The St. George Association

The Official Opening.

The St. George Association have decided to open the season officially on Saturday, but will only commence with the First and Third Leagues. The Second League has 17 teams, and it has been decided to make two divisions, 8 in one, and 9 in the others; this competition will commence on April 25th.

The draw is as follows:—

First League.

Penshurst United v St. George, St. George Sports Ground, No. 1, 3.15.

Kogarah v Hurstville, St. George Sports Ground No. 2, 3.15.

Rockdale v Cronulla, Cronulla, 3.15.

Lancashire v Carlton, deferred. Arncilffe v Brighton, St. George Sports Ground No. 1, 1.45.

Second League—Division 1. Carlton Kangaroos v Tempe Rangers.

Cronulla v Penshurst United. Taren Point Rangers v Rockdale B.

Kogarah A v Wollie Rangers. Bexley the bye.

Division 2.

Arncilffe v Penshurst Rangers. Carlton v Kogarah United. St. Peters Kangaroos v Lancashire Kogarah B v Rockdale.

Third League.

Rockdale United v Kogarah, Hopetown Park, 3.15.

Arncilffe v St. George.

ILLAWARRA DISTRICT.

The Season's Prospects.

Although last season was not a successful one financially, the executive look forward to a brighter season in 1925.

Entries in the senior grades are the same as last year, but there has been a falling-off in the junior ranks.

The 1st Division of the 1st League has been limited to six teams, namely, Helensburgh, Coledale, Thirroul, Woonona, Corrimbal and Balgownie. A higher standard of football is expected. The results of the first series of competition games played on April 4th prove that expectations will be realised. The results were:—

Balgownie defeated Corrimbal, 1—0; Thirroul defeated Helensburgh, 2—0; Coledale and Woonona drew, 2—2.

The Balgownie-Corrimbal game marked the opening of Corrimbal's new ground in the Memorial Park. The game was stubbornly contested,

Practice Matches—Second League Tempe Rangers v Penshurst Rangers, Penshurst Park, 3.15. Kogarah v Arncilffe, St. George Sports Ground No. 2, 1.45.

LAST SATURDAY'S RESULTS.

(Played at St. George Sports Ground). First League: Kogarah 7 goals (Storey 2, Perry 2, Pritchard 2, Brown) beat Arncilffe, 1 goal (Maugin); Brighton, 2 goals (Wallace, Silcock), Lancashire 1 (Humberstone). Second League: Tempe Park Rangers 2 (Hill), Taren Point 1 (Conyard). Third League: Kogarah 7, Rockdale 1.

Gala at Kogarah.—The gala held by the St. George Soccer Football Association at the St. George Sports Ground at Kogarah on Monday in aid of the Association's funds was largely attended. Results:—Third League: Arncilffe 1 (Machin) beat St. George (nil).

Second League: Tempe Rangers 2 (Walker and Brown) beat Lancashire 1 (Steptoe); Kogarah (nil) drew with Rockdale (nil); Kangaroos 2 (Harrison 2) beat Lancashire 1 (Williams); Kogarah 3 (Taylor 2, Brady) beat Arncilffe (nil); Penshurst Rangers 1 (Leader) beat Kangaroos (nil); Penshurst Rangers, 2 goals beat Taren Point 1 goal.

First League:—Brighton 1 goal (Watters) beat Kogarah B nil; St. George 1, Lancashire 0.

Judy Masters scoring the only goal six minutes from full time. Corrimbal were unfortunate as Jardine in goal only made one mistake and that cost a goal. The feature of the game was the great display by W. Kerr at outside left for Corrimbal. Not yet seventeen, he played the best game on the field, and should catch the selector's eyes before very long. Judy Masters played a good game, but he was not given too many chances, Druery and Critcher at full back watching him closely.

Woonona have been unfortunate this season. Boyle has gone, and Casley, Muir and Cheney have been on the sick list. They expect to strip against Corrimbal to-day (18th).

Coledale promoted young Smith, a prolific goal-scoring junior centre-forward. His tally for the last two years totalled 70 goals, 44 being scored last season. He signalled his entry into first-grade football by opening the scoring. He is 16 years

of age, 12st. 6lb. in weight, 5ft. 11in. high, and is a big lump of a lad.

Thirroul played no fewer than new players, which shows that they had no close season as far as management was concerned.

The Second Division comprised Thirroul, Woonona, Woonona Park, Russell Vale, Tarrawanna, Fernhill, Balgownie, Wollongong, Port Kembla, and Dapto. Mt. Kembla, through the prolonged strike, could not form a team this year.

The Juniors.

The All-Age Grade has been eliminated this year. Seven entries have been received for the Under 21, Under 18 and Under 16 Grades have been combined under the title Under 17. The reduction in the number of teams will, it is hoped, increase the standard of play. In most of the small townships it is impossible to raise both Under 16 and Under 18 teams, whereas an Under 17 team of fair standard can be organised.

Grounds.

The opening of the Memorial Park in Corrimbal gives the association choice of five properly fenced and railed off playing areas—Bodes, Balgownie, Corrimbal, Woonona, and Thirroul. Coledale and Helensburgh busily engaged in raising funds properly equip recreation areas which have been resumed in the respective townships.

Arthur Jones.

After 17 years first-grade football Arthur Jones, one of the finest players the State has produced, has tired. Arthur holds the record of State honours so it is said. He serves his district as a selector.

Senior Games for To-Day. (1st League, 1st Division).

Woonona v. Corrimbal.
Helensburgh v. Coledale.
Balgownie v. Thirroul.

(2nd Division).
Thirroul v. Woonona Park.
Russel Vale v. Fernhill.
Port Kembla v. Woonona.
Dapto v. Balgownie.
Wollongong v. Tarrawanna.

PRACTICE GAME.

G. R. Holcombe and Bandtown, teams in the Club League, play a practice game at Bandtown to-day.

The M.S.F.A. is taking steps to prevent players qualified by residence, to play in a competition in another area, in the State, without first obtaining a transfer.

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to

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Abbreviated Laws of the Game

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HANDLING THE BALL.—The goalkeepers only may play the ball with their hands, and they only within the penalty area. INTENTIONAL handling only is penalised by a free kick to the opposite side, opponents keeping back ten yards.

OFF-SIDE.—This is the hardest rule of all. A player cannot be off-side in his own half of the field of play, nor when the ball is last played by an opponent, nor if he is behind the ball when it is last played. He cannot be off-side when a corner kick or throw-in is taken, this protection ceasing when the ball is again played by one of his own side. With these general exceptions a **PLAYER MUST HAVE AT LEAST THREE OF HIS OPPONENTS NEARER THEIR OWN GOAL LINE.** To be penalised a player must be playing the ball or interfering with the play.

FREE KICK.—A free kick is

awarded for handling the ball, tripping, kicking, jumping at, holding, pushing, or illegally charging an opponent or dangerous play.

PENALTY KICK.—This award for the following infringements within the "penalty" area (18 yards mark): Tripping, kicking, striking, jumping at an opponent, handling the ball, holding, pushing, or illegally charging an opponent. All players except the player taking the kick and the opponents' goalkeeper must keep outside the penalty area. The kick is taken from a mark 12 yards from the goal line.

GENERAL.—Intentional infringements only are penalised, and generally speaking the "advantage" rule is followed.

Charging is permissible, but must not be violent or dangerous. Charging behind is illegal unless an opponent is obstructing, but it must

under no circumstance be dangerous.

GOAL.—A goal is scored when the ball has passed between the posts, under the bar, and come over the goal line.

CORNER KICK.—If the ball is played behind by one of the players on the same side, an opponent shall from within one yard of the flag.

THROW-IN.—The ball is played when it has passed over the touch line. The throw taken by an opponent, who stand with part of both feet in the line and throw the ball with hands over his head.

DURATION OF GAME.—when otherwise arranged, the duration of a game shall be two 45 minutes.

QUEENSLAND NOTES.

Mr. J. W. Peden has been elected by an overwhelming majority to the position of Secretary to the Q.F.A.; there were eight applicants, and the success of Mr. Peden has been received with enthusiasm throughout the game; his experience in football matters is very wide, one of his duties being that of honorary auditor to the Q.F.A. He is in touch with all vital matters concerning that body, and his appointment should be a great advantage to the game generally.

Competition is keener in Queensland Soccer, than it has ever been, and never before in the history of the game has the public shown so much interest.

Mr. J. Hildreth is the live wire of the Q.F.A., and is one of the best organisers in the Commonwealth. He and his colleagues had no trouble in finding Queensland's quota of £1500 in connection with the financing of the English tour.

Mr. H. Ashworth is again chairman of the Queensland Football

Association. He will have with his executive a heavy task this year in consequence of the Queensland visit.

The decisions to play English tour matches at Toowoomba, Ipswich, and Bundaberg, as well as Brisbane, has given great satisfaction in Queensland football circles.

It is expected that the match at Bundaberg will attract a big attendance.

The local Soccer world is longing to see the Rev. H. Glyn Lewis in action for Thistle, as he is an Oxford blue and a Welsh amateur international goalie. There was some doubt at the time of writing whether Lewis would be able to turn out for Thistle on Saturday. If he does not, the Scotsmen should have a good substitute in Charlie Cameron, a recent arrival from Montrose, Scotland, where he learnt his football with Charlie McGovern. But it is not only in goal that the Scotsmen's XI. has been improved. Clarry Shenton, the ex-Wynnum player, and Australian international, will appear as centre-half, and Leitch, a Victorian, will replace Jimmy Love at right half. Love is out for a cap against the Englishmen. He

is at present being rested. Charlie McGovern—who, by the way, has returned from Macau—will play at half-back to have the best half-back in Queensland. The forward is being stiffened by the inclusion of Ernest Bright and Jimmy Carterson. It will be interesting to see how Moriarty shapes his forward on Saturday, being tried there as an experiment.

It is proposed to invite a land Junior team to New South Wales during the coming season to play at Maitland, Newcastle, Sydney, and on the South Coast. Detailed arrangements have been made yet.

The English team is due to arrive in Perth on May 5th, and the match will be played on May 7th. The team will probably arrive in Sydney on May 28th, and will play in South Wales on the Show Ground, Sydney, on May 30th.

Mr. T. A. Langridge has been appointed the trainer of the Australian teams for the test matches in South Wales, and will also train New South Wales and Metropolitan teams.